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SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Mr. Kurup has been saying that consent has been given by the parties concerned. But the Hon. Minister said that there was objection. I would like to know from which party there was objection."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There was opposition for the first site that was proposed to be acquired."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" From whom? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" From the temple authorities."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" At any rate, now that the Hon. the Minister for Health has said that the owners are willing to give the site that is proposed to be acquired at present, will the Government immediately see that the site is taken over and construction started instead of following the usual dilatory procedure of drawing up proposals, preparation of plans and estimates, examination and scrutiny of these proposals and all that? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir, the matter will be expedited."

List of posts kept outside the purview of the Madras Public Service Commission.

* 530 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of posts kept outside the purview of the Public Service Commission and to state the reasons for their exclusion from the scope of the Commission?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Chief Minister) :—" A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

The general principles observed in excluding posts from the Commission's purview are (1) that the posts are unimportant and the holders thereof will not normally secure promotion to the State Services and (2) that the posts are isolated or of a special or technical nature."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether the list placed on the table of the House is a final one or whether it is capable of alterations if and when circumstances demand? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is not a final one, Sir. As a matter of fact, the regulation is under review and is being changed. Proposals have been sent to the Commission also and their remarks have been obtained."

SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—" From the list placed on the table of the House, I find that item 18 relates to Commercial Tax Officers

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 186-193 infra.

including Assistant Secretary, Board of Revenue, etc. Do the Government really consider these as technical posts and they only should select persons for these posts and cannot leave this work to the ordinary channel?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"The matter is under consideration of the Government, Sir."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—"The list supplied to us is a lengthy one and the Hon. Minister himself has said that it is not a final list. So, there may be some other list also. What is the difficulty for the Government to leave these posts also for selection by the Public Service Commission?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"That is the very thing that is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"When new posts are created, and nothing is said as to whether the selection of suitable persons to such posts has to be done by the Public Service Commission or by the Government themselves, who makes the appointment?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Something will be said as to whether it will be done by the Services Commission or the Government. It will not be left vague."

8-10 a.m. SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—"Sir, from this list, we find at page 7 that District Panchayat Officers, Grades I and II and Deputy Panchayat Officers in the Madras Panchayat Subordinate Service are not being recruited by the Public Service Commission, but by the Government. Is the reason adduced by the Government that they are all unimportant posts valid? Are they not important enough as they have to conduct the entire affairs of the Panchayat Boards?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"They may not come under category I, but they may come under category II."

SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—"The list is very lengthy covering over seven pages and we want some time to study it. May I suggest that we have a half-hour debate, as we have got valid criticisms, mainly with regard to posts specially reserved, etc., and may I suggest that the Government do consent to a half-hour debate?"

MR. SPEAKER :—"The hon. Member wants a half-hour debate on the matter."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"I do not think, Sir, any useful purpose will be served. I will not be able to furnish any further information. After all, half-hour debates are intended to elicit further information from Government. The matter is under the consideration of the Government and if necessary, before we finalise, the matter will be placed before the House."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" I wish to know whether the hon. Member's request is pressed or withdrawn."

SRI S. T. ADITYAN :—" Is it an assurance, Sir, that the list when finalized will be placed on the table of the House? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, when I state a thing I state it quite sincerely and not for the purpose of evading an issue."

MR. SPEAKER :—" After the list is placed on the table of the House, if hon. Members still want a half-hour debate, we can have it at the proper time."

Provision of house-sites to the Harijans of Edambedu village, Tiruvallur taluk.

* 531 *Q*.—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is no provision in the Land Acquisition Act to acquire wet lands to provide house-sites to Harijans even if there is neither poramboke nor dry lands; and

(*b*) why the request of the Harijans of Edambedu village, Tiruvallur taluk, for the provision of house-sites has not been complied with and why it is pending for the last seven years?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) There is provision to acquire wet lands.

" (*b*) The request of the Harijans of Edambedu village, Tiruvallur taluk, is for the acquisition of very costly wet lands while suitable dry lands adjacent to their existing cheri are available. As the Harijans are not willing to occupy these dry lands, their request for the acquisition of wet lands has not been complied with by the Collector of Chingleput. The Harijans applied to the Rural Welfare Officer, Tiruvallur, for the provision of house-sites only last year."

* SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, may I know from the Hon. Minister whether it is a fact that the Land Acquisition Act becomes powerless and the Government are also very much afraid of acquiring lands, if such lands belong to rich and influential persons? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, I do not agree with the hon. Member."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" I understand from the Hon. Minister that if suitable land is available near their house-sites, they are acquired. May I know what the reasons adduced are for not acquiring wet lands if available elsewhere? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I do not know; it may depend upon the particular villages in which the Harijans live. Further, when suitable dry lands are available, I do not see any reason why they should prefer wet lands."